

BADIOLA LAS PARCELAS 2019

RIOJA ALAVESA TEMPRANILLO

Badiola is our winery in the heart of Rioja Alavesa one of the most incredible (and certainly the most underrated) wine regions in the world. Badiola offers village and single vineyard wines that display the freshness, elegance and depth of flavours which we believe distinguish the great wines from Rioja Alavesa.

We cultivate over 300 parcels of extraordinary vineyards on the slopes of the Sierra Cantabria, mainly in the villages of Villabuena de Alava, Leza, Samaniego, Laguardia, Navaridas and Baños del Ebro.

TASTING NOTES

Shows pure and intense primary aromas of dark cherries and black berries with a hint of violet and clove. Medium bodied, with remarkable complexity and fruit concentration. The quality of the fruit shines, displaying the typical character of cooler climate Rioja Alavesa, without being masked by excessive oak aging. The intense fruit is beautifully balanced by fresh acidity, chiselled, chalky tannins and a long, mineral finish. If you love the more serious Hawkes Bay Syrah style, then you will love this wine. A serious, lightly oaked wine that will benefit from 3-4 years cellaring after release and keep for another five years. A good match for grilled meats, hard cheeses, pasta and rice dishes.



HARVESTING

The average age of the vineyards is around 50 years and many were planted in the 1920s, 30s and 40s.

Made from highest quality, selected Tempranillo grapes from small, old hillside vineyard parcels ("parcelas") on limestone soils. 2019 was an exceptional low yielding and warm vintage. The fruit that was harvested for this cuvee was near perfect and rich, ripe and full of concentration.

FERMENTATION

Fermentation was cool with balanced extraction and low levels of intervention to allow for a 'sense of place' to show.

MATURATION

About a quarter of the wine is aged for about 6 months in new barriques of top quality French oak, for added complexity and texture. Oak should support, not dominate the fruit aromas. Above all, we want the unique fruit and personality from this spectacular place, to shine through in the glass.

Alcohol: 14.17 % ABV

Residual Sugar: <1.5 g/L

Total Acidity: 5.40 g/L

pH: 3.71